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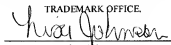
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Lisa Johnson**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

This Amendment and Response is in reply to the outstanding Final Office Action mailed August 1, 2006, and includes the following sections:

1. Introductory Comments beginning on page 2 of this paper;
2. Amendments to the Claims beginning on page 3 of this paper; and
3. Remarks beginning on page 5.

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This communication is responsive to the outstanding Final Office Action mailed on August 1, 2006. In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 28-34.

By this Amendment and Response, claim 28 is amended, and claim 29 is canceled. No new matter has been added. Claims 28 and 30-34 are currently pending. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 28 and 30-34 in view of the claim amendments and accompanying remarks is respectfully requested.